

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(DIARY NO(S) . 63291 OF 2025)

MAHESH TIWARI

APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE
HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT
RANCHI

RESPONDENT (S)

O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. The appellant is a practising lawyer in the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi. An untoward incident unfurled in Court No. 24 of the High Court on 16.10.2025, which was widely circulated and reported on social media. Taking cognizance thereof, a five-Judge Bench led by Hon'ble The Chief Justice of the High Court *suo motu* initiated criminal contempt proceedings against the appellant. Aggrieved by that notice, the appellant is before us.
3. While explaining at length that the appellant never meant to cause disrespect to the Hon'ble Judge or obstruct the judicial proceedings, learned senior counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant is extremely repentant of the incident and is willing to tender an unconditional apology.
4. Having regard to the above-mentioned stand taken by the appellant, we dispose of this appeal with liberty to the appellant to submit an affidavit of unconditional apology before the High Court. We request the High Court to

consider that apology sympathetically and pass an appropriate order.

5. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

.....CJI
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

NEW DELHI;
JANUARY 23, 2026.

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[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 17-10-2025 in CONT. Case (Crl.) No. 3/2025 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

MAHESH TIWARI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF THE HIGH COURT OF
JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 16203/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS and IA No. 16204/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS)

Date : 23-01-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Siddhartha Dave, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Subhro Sanyal, AOR
Ms. Anki Kashyap, Adv.
Ms. Deepmala, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Delay condoned.

The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)